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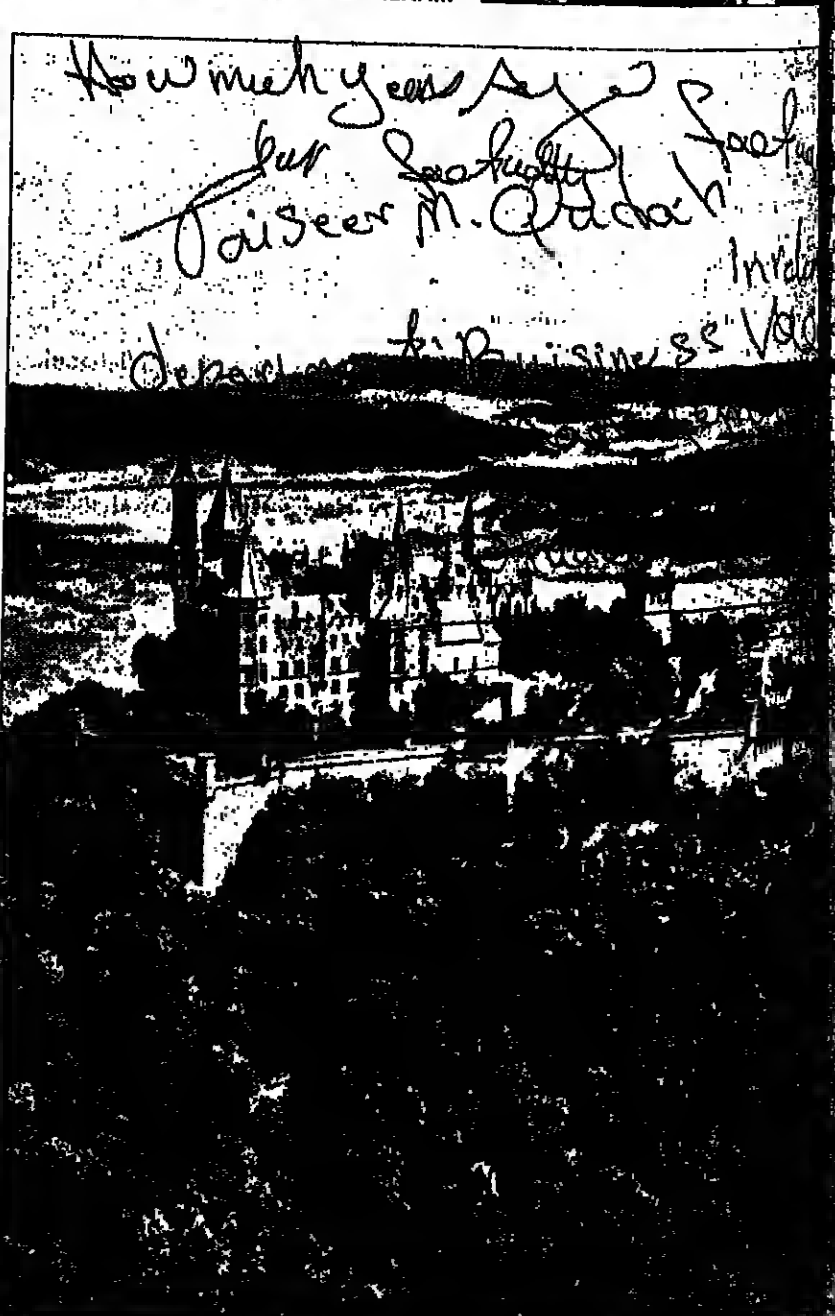
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Deployment casts uncertain mood over East, West

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Uncertainty has been the main mood on both sides of the Iron Curtain as the West's missile deployment has become a reality.

In Moscow, the Soviet leader, Mr. Andropov, who is meant to be seriously ill, has been bombarding Western leaders with letters. The tone has been halfway between hope and fear.

Obviously the Soviet Union has no idea what its policy on arms control should be.

Nato, and especially in Bonn, the West has been crystal-ball gazing along the lines of: Will Moscow return to the drawing table? And if so, when? The West is a little diffident. It does not expect anything miraculous like the end of all five nuclear powers. There are three avenues of approach. First, there has been much talk about Mr. Andropov playing intermezzo. But no one knows if he wants to. The does, how he would go about it. The French President is a staunch supporter of Western missile deployment and cannot lay claim to any kind of special relationship with the Kremlin. He would do anything rather than in France's nuclear missiles in the West for a fresh session of missile poker.

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That is one of Moscow's main demands in the medium-range missile resumption of at least to be a hope even though the superpowers seem to be going round in circles. There are absolutely no signs of a trend that might provide missile with a fresh niche at talks.

The superpowers seem reluctant to progress in the Start talks would be very convenient in a Presidential election year.

The US government would thus prefer to avoid complications it at all possible.

Third and last, many Western politicians are keenly looking forward to the enfranchisement in confidence-building measures and disarmament in Europe that is due to start in Stockholm on 17 January.

East, West and the neutrals are carefully preparing for a gathering that seems sure to last years, and in many cases there will be hopes of at least politico-psychological bridges being built to cover medium-range missiles.

Yet no-one can seriously imagine the two superpowers allowing their nuclear arsenals to be debated by the 35 delegations to the European disarmament conference.

The structure and objectives of the Stockholm conference might still in the long term point the way to a solution to the dilemma.

The emphasis must be on the concept of confidence-building. The burden of mistrust weighing so heavily on the superpowers is the basic reason why no headway is being made on disarmament.

Maybe the road to effective arms control is really paved with laborious bids to come gradually closer politically and militarily and with good intentions drafted in treaty form.

That is the Stockholm concept, but it is a long-term prospect. Given the deterioration in the overall climate of East-West ties, the basic handicap is the decision by both sides to limit themselves to the missile issue.

The West in particular has been criminally negligent in its disregard for the political regrouping position.

Herr Genscher has appreciated this point and called for an overall political concept combining firmness on deployment and fresh stimuli on detente, confidence-building and cooperation.

He has visions of a concept that might make Moscow more readily inclined to



EEC leaders meet in Athens. From left, President Mitterrand, Premier Papandreu and Chancellor Kohl. (Photo: dpa)

reopen the debate on medium-range missiles.

Yet why not let matters take their course given that Western deployment is intended to redress the balance of power in Europe?

The crisis doesn't lend itself to so easy a solution. The Geneva talks breakdown has shown that both parties are in the throes of serious political difficulties.

It may be a little early to talk in terms of a struggle for power in the Kremlin, but the course talks have taken since Mr. Brezhnev's death has revealed conflicting Soviet interests, especially in the final phase of Geneva talks.

The latest reactions by the Warsaw Pact, from Bucharest to East Berlin, show how unenthusiastic Moscow's so-called satellites are about the new Soviet missile plans for their territory.

The West is at least equally badly off-balance politically, caught between the dual-track Nato decision and American thinking as the West's leading power.

Nato is committed to a dual-track approach.

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Crucial items on Athens EEC agenda

EEC heads of state and government did not arrive in Athens for their three-day summit with any great expectations.

It was generally agreed that the summit would be one of the most important in the Common Market's history.

Bonn Chancellor Helmut Kohl envisaged no more than the prospect of approving "specific guidelines for further treatment of outstanding issues."

In spite of many special conferences the Council of Ministers has failed to reduce the negotiation package made up at the last EEC summit in Stuttgart to a reasonable number of political options.

On the basic issues, the reform of agricultural policy and the future sharing of financial burdens, little has been achieved in recent months over and above a comparison of differing national viewpoints.

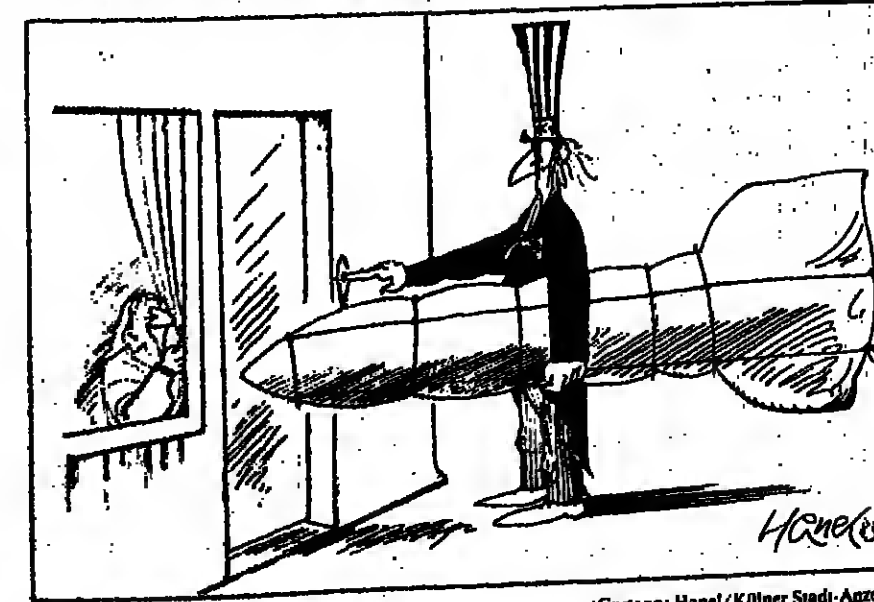
Yet time is short, with the European Community fast running out of funds. Cash available is definitely not enough to award Common Market farmers their spring increase in farm price guarantees next year.

There were serious disputes prior to the summit on the course deliberations were to take. They reflected the differing priorities held in individual EEC capitals.

Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu wrote to his fellow-heads of government suggesting they start by discussing agricultural problems and deal later with budgetary issues, including the problem of Britain's contribution to EEC funds.

Mrs. Thatcher wanted budget problems to head the agenda.

Wilhelm Hadler
(Die Welt, 5 December 1983)



Express delivery from Washington

(Cartoon: Hanel/Killmer Stadt-Anzeiger)

WORLD AFFAIRS

Soviet propaganda machine whips up siege fever

These are strange days in Moscow, with people talking about war as if it were inevitable. The Soviet leaders are talking in terms of a situation more tense than at any time since the Second World War.

The Soviet public is likely to conclude that a trial of strength with the United States is unavoidable.

People are being warned that times may lie ahead in which belts must be taken in a notch of two. Soviet leaders are promising to meet every demand of the military machine.

At the same time people are given to understand that the military is prepared for the trial of strength that is evidently expected.

The KGB is warning against enemies at home and abroad and calls on people to be increasingly vigilant about everything foreign.

The Soviet Press testifies to fears of encirclement with its reports of missile-mad Germans, Italians, French and British in Western Europe.

In the Far East there is made out to be on alliance against the Soviet Union consisting of Japan, South Korea and the United States.

In the Middle East the entire Arab world is said to have ganged up on Moscow's client-state Syria, while in the Caribbean Cuba and its brigade of "construction workers" have lost face in Grenada.

Moscow stands to derive no benefit from the Gulf war between Iraq and Iran, while in Afghanistan the Soviet forces are pretty well holed up.

China too does not allow the Soviet Union the leeway Moscow would dearly like to have in dealing with the United States in the Far East.

Patriotic fervour is being whipped up everywhere. With sights set on America as the enemy and the Soviet motherland encircled from Europe to the Far East, fears that were merely set aside in the detente 1970s have been resurrected.

No-one can be trusted, the Soviet public are told, and the entire world has nothing but evil designs on Soviet communists.

The conclusion reached in Moscow is that American policy amounts to a bid to destroy communism. Russia would appreciate respect, but recognition isn't there for the asking.

The Soviet Union is derided by America and, in many cases, by other Western countries too. Scorn is heaped on both Soviet policy and the Soviet economy.

Soviet propaganda is aimed in return at weak spots in the Western system, and unemployment, inflation, stagnation and resignation are all there for the asking.

These Western shortcomings are laid bare and presented to the Soviet public, but the Soviet public, and young people in particular, continue to be attracted by the latest Western innovations.

Moscow left no stone unturned in its bid to boost its worldwide position in America's weak years following the Vietnam debacle.

Yet now it lays claim to rules of the game that are said to have applied since the revolution: "Let the American capitalists leave us in peace, we will undertake nothing against them" (Lenin).

The conviction that America is aiming not just at worldwide containment of the Soviet Union but at the destruction of the Soviet system is evident in every discussion with Soviet officials.

"Germany isn't America," Soviet commentators told Bonn MPs on the eve of the Bundestag decision on missile deployment, calling on the Germans to pursue national policies.

Moscow continues in spite of deployment to sea the Federal Republic of Germany as the key to Europe. Russia remains fascinated, for better or for worse, by the Germans.

On the German Question the Soviet Union could be good for a number of surprises in the decade ahead.

Not for nothing has Moscow called on the Germans to pursue policies based on national ideas at a time when the GDR leaders are feeling that way inclined too.

The Soviet Union may not have achieved its foreign policy objective, that of preventing the deployment of new US missile systems.

But the Soviet politbureau could equally well argue that all had not been in vain. Who would venture to claim that the damage to relations between the United States and West Germany can be swiftly remedied?

The seeds of mistrust of Washington that have been sown will take firm root. The Social Democrats' protestations of loyalty to NATO have a decidedly hollow ring to them at present.

It remains to be seen whether it was right, and politically more important, to take a firm stand in relations with Moscow and not succumb to pressure rather than to give way and keep the damage to German-American relations down to a minimum.

It certainly gives food for thought to hear a senior US diplomat in Moscow

admit that from the military viewpoint deployment was not, of course, absolutely essential.

It would doubtless be wrong to infer from the lengthy absence of the Soviet leader at a time when Moscow is called onto arrive at political decisions that there is a leadership crisis in the Kremlin.

Russia is less dependent on any one individual than probably any other country, as evidenced by the historic treatment of Soviet politicians other than Lenin.

Mikhail Kutuzov, the Russian military leader in the Napoleonic wars, or a number of Tsars as operationally idealised by the Bolsheviks have been more soundly ensconced than some recent Party leaders.

The leadership is interchangeable, room for manoeuvre limited and the public so remote from the leaders that a shrug of the shoulders is the usual answer when friends are asked what hopes they have of this or that political development or personality.

That isn't to imply that no credence is given to propaganda. The Soviet public is not in a position to distinguish between the West's real intentions and what Soviet propaganda makes them out to be.

There is no such thing as a wide range of views on this point. There is only one viewpoint on everything. The public is largely unaware that there is another side to Mr Andropov's arguments on medium-range missiles.

Soviet propaganda is effective, and a surprising number of Soviet citizens trust it. They thus believe that Western nuclear armament is for warlike ends, whereas Soviet armament is aimed solely at preserving peace.

The war talk of a detached and virtually invisible leadership that calls for

A Chinese view of the missiles issue

further notice, neither at the conference table nor under pressure from the peace movement.

In recent months various Chinese politicians have suddenly begun to voice sympathy with the peace movement. That is unusual inasmuch as Chinese leaders used to tend to regard Western opponents of the arms build-up as mere stoop-pigeons of the Kremlin.

Yet if the protestations of sympathy are read in full there will be no mistaking the ambivalence and mixed views to which they testify.

Official ideology may require China to show solidarity with the masses. Sympathy is also motivated by a desire to appear to the Third World as an independent power with views of its own.

But Peking is at pains to emphasise that China is opposed to bids by Moscow to make political capital out of the peace movement and to divide and weaken Western Europe and bring it under its control.

China agrees with NATO that Soviet superiority in the conventional sector

discipline and harder work brings about an unpleasant situation. Many people have been injured by the campaigns launched by Andropov took over power.

The anti-missile campaign, despite the Soviet policy in space, many evident shortcomings and the fact of everything else hanging out in case for tolerance.

They ought even to promote the East of the impotence and the East of the other side, the West.

At a time when people could not and would not live, and live especially in the Soviet Union, it is pressing that the Soviet leadership do something of the kind to offer.

Instead, they are painting a picture of inevitable war. It is depressing when speeches for a prospect of hope and a better future, no-one tries to strike a balance, an atmosphere of political tolerance.

Peter Schönbach (Rheinischer Merkur/Chronic) 2 December

Deployment

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prouch consisting of defence progress and readiness to negotiate. It is only the former seems fully approved.

Bonn is out in limb, having demonstrated its loyalty to NATO by accepting the head of the Dresdner Bank, Pershing 2. It must now devote all hearted effort to remedying the damage.

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HOME AFFAIRS

Bundestag lifts immunity from minister

Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger

Count Lambsdorf was cleared for Bonn Economic Affairs Minister Count Otto Lambsdorf to be charged with bribery.

The Bundestag has voted in favour of lifting the privilege of immunity from prosecution. Count Lambsdorf, a Free Democrat, himself voted for all that is promised is catastrophic.

Count Lambsdorf is alleged to have accepted a total of DM 135,000 from the Flick Industrial Group in return for waiving tax liability on the sale of shares.

The money is said to have been put in a trust fund. It has not been suggested that Count Lambsdorf used it for personal gain.

Originally, the charges were to have been granting favours for a considerable period (Vorteilnahme), but the more recent charge of bribery has been preferred.

Those involved in the accusations included the head of the Dresdner Bank, Pershing 2. It must now devote all hearted effort to remedying the damage.

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Lambsdorff strongly denies allegations of bribery

Bonn Economic Affairs Minister Count Otto Lambsdorff (FDP) strongly denies that he has taken bribes from the Flick Industrial group.

"I have neither asked for nor received a mark from Flick during my time as minister," he has told the Bonn Cabinet.

Count Lambsdorff is regarded by many as the most important architect behind the Free Democrats' swing from the Social Democrats to the conservatives last year. He is a staunch champion of the Liberal cause in the Bonn Cabinet.

He is an important Cabinet figure for Chancellor Helmut Kohl, because he is keeping Franz Josef Strauss (CSU) out of the Economic Affairs Ministry.

Lambsdorff was born in Aachen in 1926 and went to school in Berlin. He was badly injured during the war, was taken prisoner and returned home with a permanent disability.

After studying law and political science, he went into banking and, in

1971, became board member of an insurance company.

In 1977, he succeeded Hans Friedrichs as Bonn Minister of Economic Affairs.

He was the treasurer of the North Rhine-Westphalian FDP until 1978, later becoming the party's deputy state chairman. He is now a member of the FDP's national executive.

He has adamantly denied all accusations levelled against him, calling them "political campaigns" and "unprecedented prejudgements by the press, especially (weeklies) Spiegel and Stern."

He stresses that this makes a fair trial impossible.

He sees himself as the focal point of "the biggest judicial scandal since the Federal Republic of Germany came into being."

He has denied any intention of resigning.

dpa

(Münchener Morgen, 30 November 1983)



Count Lambsdorff
(Photo: Poly-Press)



Friedrichs



Riemer



von Brauchitsch



Nemitz

(Photos: Sven Simon 2, dpa 2)

Flick case only a part of the long-running party contributions affair

The events usually referred to as the contributions affair entered a new phase when the Bonn prosecutor's office decided to press charges.

The affair has been making headlines for years. It has been fuelled by constant disclosures in the Press, the setting up of two parliamentary inquiry committees and the resignations of two presidents of the National Federation of German Industry (BDI).

The prosecution's investigations, dating back to 1975, involved several complex price-fixes.

Some 100 companies and many of their staff were under suspicion of having for years been transferring funds in political parties through front organisations, with the full knowledge and approval of politicians.

The money was entered in the books as operating costs and deducted from taxable income, making the defendants guilty of tax evasion.

The investigation led to the resignation of the BDI president at the time, Nikolaus Fasolt, after his failure to contest a tax department fine.

The second major point of investigation was the Flick affair.

Here, the prosecution suspected the

Düsseldorf-based Flick concern of having used party donations to obtain tax relief on a major equity deal.

The deal involved the 1975 sale to Deutsche Bank of a 29 per cent stake in Daimler-Benz.

The bank paid Flick DM2bn for the block of shares and, in doing so, heeded off a bid by the Shah of Iran.

Only a short while earlier, Kuwait had bought a 14 per cent stake in Daimler-Benz. This had caused considerable fear among company board members that the Arabs were moving in.

Flick wanted to re-invest his book profits of DM1.8bn (DM2bn less the DM200m balance sheet value of the stock), paying as little tax as possible.

So the group applied to the Bonn government for permission to use a section of tax laws which stipulated that profits from the sale of stock could be re-invested in other equities free of tax, though not without strings: the Finance and Economic Affairs Ministries had to classify the transaction as beneficial to the national economy as a whole or to a particular branch of industry.

After extensive evaluation, Flick was given the green light. Some of the money went into capital increases for Flick's

own subsidiaries such as Dynamit Nobel, Buderus and Feldmühle. Another large amount went into equities in the American Grace Corp, where Flick bought a 31 per cent stake (DM800m), and the Cologne-based Gerlin Insurance.

It is unlikely that there will be a repeat "Flick affair." A 1982 Bonn law now stipulates that 20 per cent of profits from equity sales are taxable and payable immediately. This applies specifically to deals where the profits are re-invested in enterprises beneficial to the national economy.

The Bundestag Inquiry Committee has been dealing with the Flick affair since 9 June without making much progress.

A similar committee in North Rhine-Westphalia, set up following a motion by the Opposition/CDU, discontinued in October. It had taken a year to get nowhere.

In 1981, Eberhard von Brauchitsch, the president elect of the BDI, resigned when the press reported that the prosecutor's office was investigating alleged payments from a Flick slush fund.

Later, Brauchitsch, who was also the chief executive of Flick, resigned from this post as well.

(Westdeutsche Allgemeine, 30 November 1983)

After deployment: avenues towards a reduction in world tension

It is almost always a waste of time to read the Kremlinologists' analyses and forecasts in detail. It is better to rely on Russian history: from Ivan I to Ivan the

error by the Kremlin?

in Europe and Asia, Vietnamese imperialism was backed in South-East Asia, war was waged in Afghanistan and the Russians established themselves in the Horn of Africa, elsewhere in Africa, the

It could be that they felt, being conscious of how unpredictable the Americans were, they had to be prepared for the worst.

It would be in the interest of world peace if the current break in negotiations were to be used by the Kremlin leaders to arrive at inner clarity on this basic outline of American strategy.

The Soviet Union has no intention of waging war on either America or Eur-

They were Martino of Italy, Lester B. Pearson of Canada, and Viggo H. Thorsen of Norway and Pearson of Canada. They were to discuss what they had to say to the North Atlantic Treaty pact was that there should be no nuclear war.

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The peace movement avoids two of its major fears

In the long run a strong defence policy in Europe can only be implemented if the common security policy is successful.

mented if the will to carry out the second half of the dual philosophy outweighs the first. But this is a dangerous

At the beginning of 1984 there was then need to be in-depth cooperation the West to analyse the situation and

The way could be paved by Foreign

The two sides must confer with each other in confidence. Moscow will be receptive to readiness to talk on the part of the West.

of Western Ministers. *Helmut Schmidt*
(Die Zeit, 2 December 1974)

ADMINISTRATION

Public servants' Bangkok junket among cases of squandered taxpayers' cash

Junkets by public servants and mis-spending by various Federal government departments and authorities are again under fire by the Federal audit office.

Its latest report covers charges of waste in 1981. It says hundreds of millions of marks are lost every year by carelessness.

The office's president, Karl Wittrock, says the very existence of the authority led to more discipline in the handling of public funds.

It was impossible to say how much was saved. But audit office reform plans for reform of one of the mine workers' pension funds had saved Bonn more than DM700m.

The office had also helped Bonn to save DM650m in the 1984 budget.

He said cases of outright and deliberate waste are rare. Most is because of carelessness, unthinking routine and stupid regulations.

It was deplorable that people who caused the waste were rarely made to account for what they had done.

The audit office report is examined in detail by the Bundestag's audit committee. Last year, most of the points raised were accepted by the committee and in some cases ministers were told to take action.

But bureaucracy seems to have an inexhaustible supply of explanations and

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excuses to justify criticised decisions, Wittrock said.

As usual, huge government enterprises such as the Bundesbahn, Germany's railway system, and the post office come under sharp scrutiny.

The auditors say the poor financial performance of the Bundesbahn is because of faults in the system.

They criticise its failure to adequately reduce special bonuses paid to workers.

Most workers continued to be paid to top rates and the annual cost rose from DM200m to DM350m.

In the freight car repair division alone additional wage payments cost over DM30m.

The report recognises that the Bundesbahn has eliminated some 100,000 jobs since 1974 but says it could have done more.

Some 200 offices could be done away with. This would cut the payroll by some 1,000.

The auditors also object to the compartmentalised accounting system dividing the operation into three.

One account dealt with government operations. The losses were included in that account. The Audit Office says the

accounting system is full of problems if for no other reason because the various sectors of Bundesbahn operations mesh.

The huge cost of electrification, for instance was charged to the state sector although equally helping the other two sectors by cutting energy costs.

The Audit Office suggests that the objectives be clarified before attempting to improve the accounting methods.

The post office was accused lack of thriftiness. Several million marks a year could be saved in the parcels service by streamlining operations.

Project planning of long-distance telephone exchanges is described as unsatisfactory. It had led to avoidable wrong investments.

The auditors also criticise the continued rise in the number of postal workers despite the fact that several thousand jobs could be eliminated.

Foreign travel by civil servants has always been part of the auditors' complaints.

An 11-day trip to Japan with stopovers in Hongkong and Bangkok by five senior officials of the Federal Insurance Office for white collar workers, is criticised.

The reason for the trip was the to get information on data processing installations.

The stopovers "had no official justification and the data information could have been obtained from the German representatives of the Japanese equipment suppliers.

The armed forces are also criticised. In one example, three officers of the Bundeswehr Medical Corps aged between 28 and 32 who had studied medicine at the expense of the Bundeswehr were pensioned off for "permanent disability."

Each was needlessly awarded monthly pensions for life of more than DM2,000.

Two had gone into private practice. Yet each would cost the government about DM800,000 at today's rates.

"The citizen who worries about old age security is bound to be at a loss to understand that somebody who has spent only nine years in the Bundeswehr can draw a disability pension of about DM2,300 a month while earning as a private practitioner," said Wittrock.

Another military criticism was over the naval destroyer *Schleswig-Holstein*, which was fitted with a new Sonar installation. But someone forgot to take soundings in the port of Wilhelmshaven.

The destroyer is not fully operational and the port had to be dredged at considerable cost. The total waste of taxpayers' money: more than DM500,000.

In 1980, the Federal Office for Labour Protection and Accident Research ordered some 50,000 T-shirts bearing a special insignia at a cost of DM230,000. Few were sold. The rest, worth DM200,000, are lying around in the basement.

Former Interior Minister Gerhart Baum equipped his Ministry with 677 typewriters of which 350 at the most were needed.

The minister also arranged for not only his anteroom but also the sports department, the telephone exchange, the telex room and the doorman's cubicle to get TV sets.

Peter Roller

(Stuttgarter Zeitung, 23 November 1983)

Commission up to slash red tape

A Federal commission is to try and cut red tape in the parliamentary state secretary at the Ministry.

His appointment comes less than a week after a report handed to the Bundestag by CDU MP Herbert Helmut.

In it, he said that speeches and complaints were not enough to march of bureaucracy.

The report was compiled by a red-tape society which Helmut is to be a member of the commission.

The 233-page report is the Republic's first detailed study of the fight against red tape by the Bundestag.

The chairman of the Bundestag, Josef Strauss, said that Bavarian Minister-President Franz Josef Strauss was now going the struggle against bureaucracy and preventing tax from being reduced and limiting the capacity to fight employment.

Strass, who received the report, said there is no patent remedy to get rid of red tape. It must be tackled in detail, and this is his task.

Helmut and fellow MPs from parties who back his cause agree. Strauss, saying: "The root of the problem lies in details, and this is his task to be attacked."

The paper deals with a lot of details: better relations between civil servant and more interest in the public, improvements in planning procedures and motor vehicle licensing.

Helmut: "The states have to be told that there is much that can be done. He told Strauss that it was not enough to point to the even greater success of the USA despite its heavy arms race."

And it is indeed a fact that America has a three per cent growth rate year against Germany's one per cent.

He would like to receive suggestions from all parts of society.

Waffenschmidt wants to limit number of new regulations.

Each Ministry is to have its own commissioner, a senior civil servant to monitor these.

The commission also wants to publish where the citizen can benefit directly from the deregulation drive.

The Interior Ministry is thinking of streamlining building regulations, business provisions and sports laws.

Wherever possible, regulations hamper investment, employment and vocational training are to be eliminated.

"Private initiative must be provided with more scope as part of the change," says Waffenschmidt.

Helmut and his backers also want a change: "For 200 years we have had that we could regulate life through government more and more, and controls."

"Now we have to change this to provide more personal freedom, then faith in the state, impart more dynamism to business and avert the danger of a super-efficient administration."

Martin S. Lamb

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 25 November 1983)

THE ECONOMY

Shorten the working week, Bonn advisers say

reached new records in the past few years, interest rates are extremely high and social spending and average wages continue to rise.

Yet three million Americans found new jobs this year — something that should not have happened, say the German experts' theories.

But reality does not always agree with theory.

Most of the Five Wise Men still say that the main thing is to reduce deficits and wages must be provided industry with the incentive to invest in new products and methods. This would also make it profitable for industry to boost its work force.

Germany's economic pundits attribute near magic powers to a balanced budget, as if this would eliminate the root of all evil.

Government debt must of course be reduced. Only a few SPD and union stalwarts still urge massive government spending programmes and oppose any cuts in social spending and government aid for sick industries.

The Council did not dissent on the need to reduce the government's interest payments on borrowing.

These payments eat up a lot of tax and prevent tax reductions. They also limit Bonn's room for manoeuvre in efforts to provide new jobs.

But a minority in the Council say Bonn should not in reducing debt because this would put the brakes on upturn.

The dissenters argued that the government should wait for the upturn to

come. It is perhaps ironic that a dissenting council member who is an advocate of liberal policies should have been one of the USA despite its heavy arms race.

And it is indeed a fact that America has a three per cent growth rate year against Germany's one per cent.

President Reagan's vowed policy has been quoted by some German economic advisers as evidence that economic improvement can go hand in hand with lower interest rates, reduced deficits and moderate wages and production costs.

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Five Wise Men urge caution on wage deals

Wage deals should not be too big or they will jeopardise growth and employment, say the Five Wise Men, or Bonn's council of economic advisers.

In their latest report they predict that gross incomes will rise by 4 per cent next year compared with 1 per cent this year.

Incomes from business and capital gains would remain high at 8 per cent, but this would still be below the 11 per cent of 1983.

The report is optimistic and was praised for its balance by the CDU/CSU parliamentary group. It expects growth next year to be between two and a half and three per cent and says there should be an improvement in world trade.

It also says that consumer prices will remain relatively stable, rising less than two per cent, that exports will be up four per cent in 1984, and that construction investment will rise seven per cent.

Unemployment would decline during next year, though not below an annual average of 2.25 million.

The Five Wise Men have essentially confirmed Bonn's economic policy course.

Bonn's decision to provide investment incentives and cut social and general spending was a correct one.

But they urge:

- Subsidies cuts;
- Privatisation of public sector services;
- Income tax relief and elimination of trading taxes;
- Reduction of wage costs in rent terms and no shorter working hours through collective bargaining;
- More free enterprise in environmental protection;
- More self-reliance in the social security sector.

They say that there is no need for any additional economic action, but call for a reduction of obstacles to growth and for incentives for business.

The Hamburg-based HWWA Institute for Economic Research warns against an over-consolidation of the budget.

The German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, considers further cuts in government spending to be wrong.

The Trade Union Federation criticises what it calls a wrong austerity policy and dismantling of social security provisions.

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 24 November 1983)

Reasonable

The Five Wise Men have therefore for the first time called for shorter working hours. They said that even the metalworkers union's demand for a 35-hour work week could have positive effects, given pay moderation.

This backs the unions without giving them a blank cheque.

Still, most arguments and the wishes of the work force itself speak in favour of premature retirement and more flexible working time arrangements for individual companies.

The Five Wise Men have demonstrated a bit of *Realpolitik*: their suggestions are feasible. They could defuse the coming round of collective bargaining if the parties to it were prepared to get off the beaten track.

Wolfgang Mauersberg

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 25 November 1983)

The faces on the council

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INDUSTRY

Robots, biotechnology to get priority

Süddeutsche Zeitung

Space, energy, transport, environment, information technology, industrial robots and biotechnology are to get priority in research promotion.

Direct research promotion is to be reduced and indirect methods such as tax write-offs are to be stepped up. The changes would benefit industry by about DM300m a year.

The new emphasis was announced by the government in answer to a question in the Bundestag.

Direct promotion has already been reduced in favour of indirect promotion in the 1983/84 research budgets.

The Bundestag was told that government research promotion aims included conserving resources, protecting the environment, improving living and working conditions and improving industrial performance and competitiveness.

The emphasis would be on promoting initiative.

Innovation as a means of remaining competitive would be encouraged.

A pilot project costing DM100m has been set up to promote the establishment of technology oriented firms.

The government said basic research

must be boosted more. That included space, energy and transport research. Environment priority would be given to ecology research. Bonn is interested in increased international cooperation in information technology. It hopes rest on the intended European research programme dubbed *Esprit* that would combine national and European measures. The government says biotechnology is one of the key industries of the future. The government says, biotechnology is one of the key industries of the future.

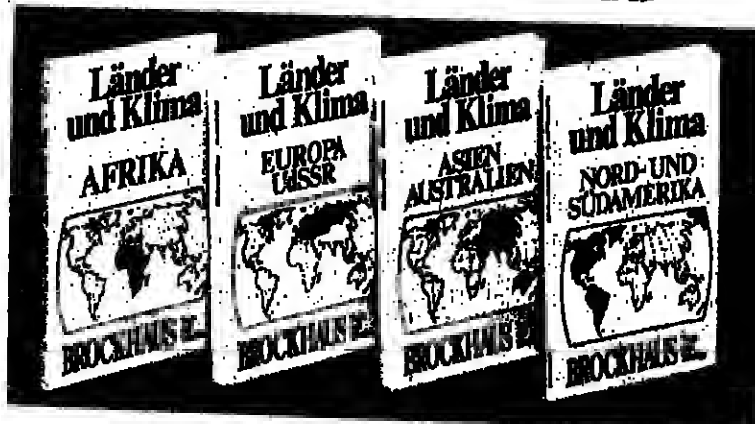
This area of research would probably lead to fundamental changes in a wide variety of chemical and pharmaceutical production methods.

A special programme is envisaged to enable Germany to keep pace with Japan and the USA.

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(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 1 December 1983)

Meteorological stations all over the world



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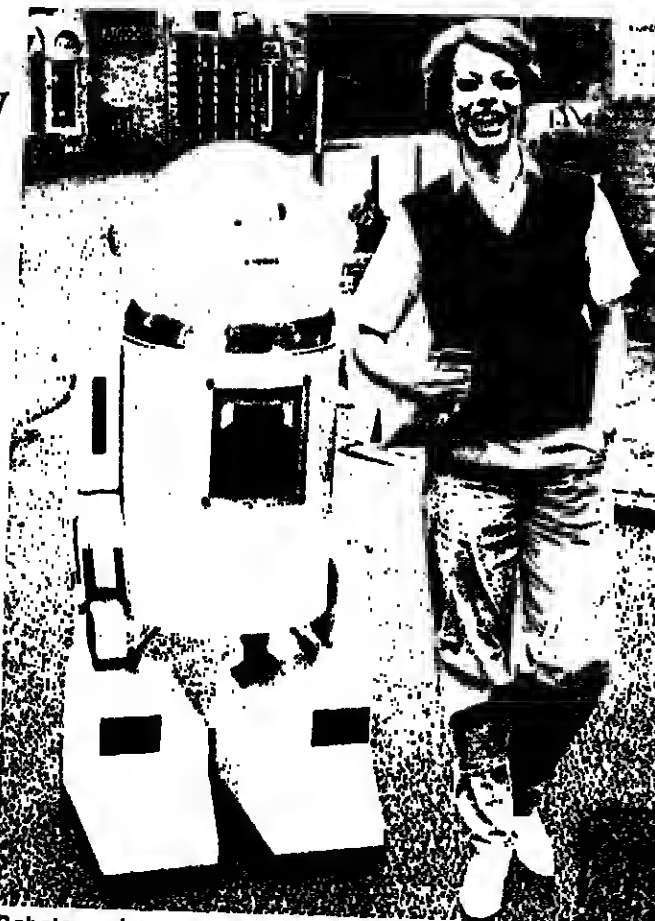
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Robots are becoming more accessible, too.

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More dexterous, more intelligent

There are some 30,000 industrial robots in use worldwide. More than 60 per cent are in the USA and Japan, Germany has a mere 11 per cent.

By 1990, there could be 300,000 in use by some estimates.

Robots are becoming increasingly dexterous and intelligent.

Munich's Production 83, the international industrial electronics show, demonstrates this.

Bonn has set aside DM350m to promote the use of industrial robots and help German manufacturers catch up. Robots are rapidly becoming capable of replacing humans in assembly work and transportation.

Sensor technicians are constantly inventing devices.

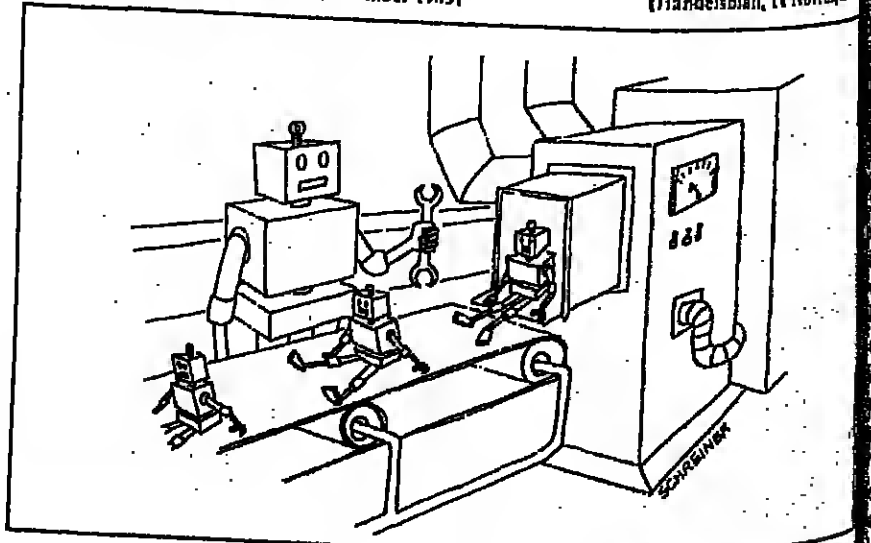
Today's robots can actually see by TV cameras, and they will soon be able to dip into a crateful of different parts and pick what they need.

The automated assembly line equipment shown in Munich can process between 1,500 and 50,000 items an hour. The equipment costs between DM150,000 and DM500,000.

The exhibition reveals just how fast the technology in developing. Items hailed as a breakthrough at the last Production 80 are out of date.

Friedolin Engelfried

(Nürtinger Nachrichten, 11 November 1983)



(Cartoon: Schreiner/Die Presse)

Microprocessors shows how to turn a revolution

Handelsblatt

The second industrial revolution. The driving force behind the first revolution was the steam engine. The second is being driven by the microprocessor.

Just how it has taken over is demonstrated at the Interkama exhibition in Düsseldorf. It is the world's trade fair in its field.

The focal point at this exhibition is building, equipping and otherwise microelectronically controlled machinery. Information into its own in the machinery of work stations ever to go into orbit.

This sort of manufacturing demands that on board the US Skylab or the expected to grow at between 12 and 15 per cent a year.

Automation systems depend on microchips and NC machinery. Demand for robots is expected to grow 30 per cent a year.

Industry is still faced with the problem of robots and unemployment. Rationalisation is the only way to remain competitive. So that is the only way to safeguard jobs and create new ones.

The industrial future will depend only on the extent to which it can be prepared in use new technologies. It also depend on its ability to keep pace in the development of new electronic components.

A great deal of catching up is necessary: Japan has equipped 45 per cent of its machinery with NC as against 20 per cent in this country.

Germany's industry had 3,500 robots at the end of 1982. Japan had more than 10,000 and the USA 9,000.

So far, the most important microelectronics developments have come from the USA and Japan. Europe's industry can meet only a fraction of demand.

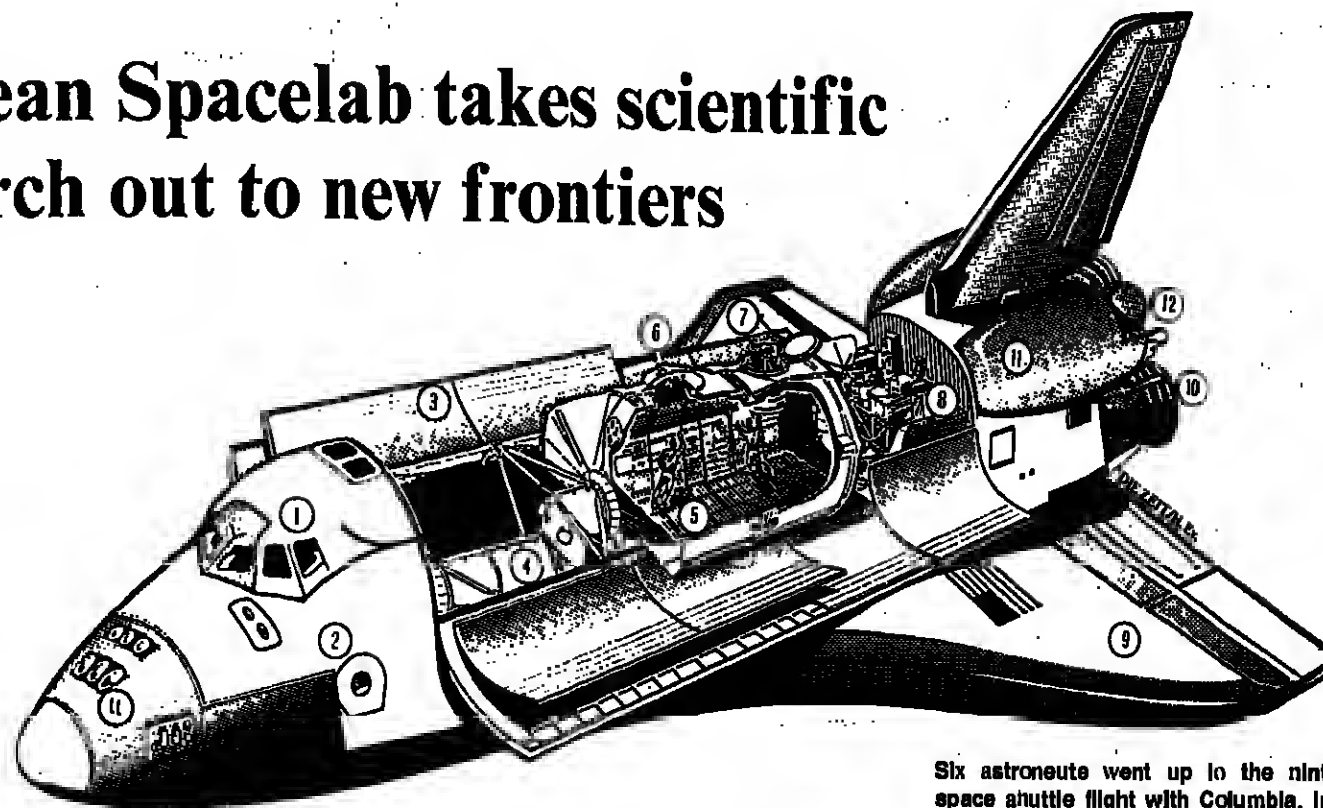
"Europe's industry will have to make a major effort to fill this gap," says Interkama President Hans Habermas.

Industry is therefore bound to come the Bonn Research Ministry's idea for the promotion and development of microelectronics and information communication technologies.

Karlheinz Voss

(Handelsblatt, 11 November 1983)

The European Spacelab takes scientific research out to new frontiers



Over 70 experiments are planned, including about 60 for European principals and the remainder for American, Canadian and Japanese clients.

The materials laboratory fitted out by Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blom can be used for a wide range of experiments with new metal alloys in zero gravity.

Large crystals that are important for the electronics industry can be grown artificially. Special experiments in liquid physics can be carried out.

The biological laboratory likewise makes a wide range of experiments possible. Ultrasonic probes to observe coronary arteries and the changes they undergo are to be tested, for instance.

This is an experiment from which "terrestrial" cardiology could well benefit. Other tests relate to eye and brain research.

Then there are botanical experiments to determine, say, how plants grow in zero gravity, while it is hoped to learn more about the relationship between weightlessness, the vestibular organ in the inner ear and the brain.

One aim of this set of trials is to learn more about space sickness, which is similar in its symptoms to seasickness.

Scientists also hope to make headway in solar research. Various telescopes, cameras and detectors are on the pallets to get a better view of the Sun and stars than is possible from terrestrial observatories.

Spacelab is not capable of independent manoeuvring in space. It is merely a payload facility built to nestle in the cargo bay of the space shuttle.

Columbia's cargo bay is about 18 metres long and five metres wide. Spacelab is stowed out with all manner of scientific equipment.

It will be used for about 70 experiments by Merbold and three American astronauts, Byron K. Lichtenberg, Owen Garriott and Robert A. R. Parker.

Spacelab consists mainly of two parts: a pressurised cabin where the astronauts work to shirtsleeves, as it were, and a platform known as instrument bay.

On the pallets instruments such as telescopes, sensors, antennas and other equipment are directly exposed to space conditions.

There are 39 instruments and experimental arrays on board Spacelab for its three-month mission: 22 on the pallets and 17 inside the pressurised cabin.

A number of experiments in scanning the earth's surface will be of direct and practical benefit.

The German Aerospace Research Establishment (DFVLR) has microwave remote sensing experiment on board to measure ocean swell and terrestrial heat emission.

A special camera has also been designed for use in helping to improve surveying of the Earth.

The 70-odd experiments subdivide into five main groups: astronomy and solar physics, atmospheric physics and terrestrial observation, plasma physics, bio-sciences, materials research and process engineering.

As many experiments will be in progress simultaneously there will be an enormous flow of scientific data that was originally to be relayed to ground control via two new satellites.

Only one of the two is now available, so not all data will be relayed. "Exact analysis has shown," payload specialist Merbold says, "that this new satellite is good enough for many experiments."

"But there are exceptions. They include the experiments in connection with the vestibular organ of the inner ear. This major and extremely important experiment will be made much more difficult."

Speaking before the mission went ahead, he said a further delay might have been considered if the other satellite

Six astronauts went up to the ninth space shuttle flight with Columbia. Included was the first non-American on an American flight, Dr Ulf Merbold, a payload specialist. Commander of the operation is Moon landing veteran John Young. He pilots together with pilot Brewster Shaw in the cockpit (1). There are three sleeping berths (2). Mission specialists Owen Garriott and Robert Parker as well as payload specialists Merbold and Byron Lichtenberg can float along in air-filled tunnel (4) into the European Space Agency's Spacelab (5) that is moored in the open loading bay (3). Planned were 72 scientific experiments. A pallet (6) is fitted out with 38 various types of instrument. A window (8) and an airlock (7) are to enable photographs and measurements to be taken. The wings (9) are for powerless landing approaches. The main motors (10) use solid fuel. Steering jets (11) help maintain stability. The main manoeuvring motors (12) are used to brake the craft immediately before the return to earth.

(Diagram: H. Everling/Die Zeit)

ite could have been put into orbit within six months or so.

Spacelab faced a serious risk of failure by relying on only one satellite. The risk seems if anything to have increased now the remaining satellite has started giving trouble.

One of its two dish antennas to receive signals from Spacelab and relay them to the ground station has broken down.

Since not all data can be stored on board or radioed directly back to the Earth, scientific data seem sure to be lost.

Difficulties in relaying data are not the only problems that beset the project. Blast-off so late in the year has meteorological repercussions.

A number of experiments connected with charting the surface of the Earth, for instance, stand to suffer from the cloud cover.

So NASA has offered to rerun experiments affected in this way on a further mission next year (but not with a German astronaut on board).

The expense is yet another drawback. The Spacelab D-1 (Deutschland 1) mission, which is scheduled to carry out mainly German experiments in 1985, will cost DM400m.

The maiden flight will have cost less. The Americans have agreed to foot roughly half the bill.

Anatol Johansen

(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, für Deutschland, 26 November 1983)



Dr Ulf Merbold, the first European to fly on an American space mission. (Photo: dpa)

■ THE CINEMA

The documentary returns to the world of work

A 15-year-old film by Wilhelm Bitorf was the surprise at this year's Duisburg film festival, the seventh annual review of documentary films in the Federal Republic of Germany.

It was entitled *Bring Your Heads With You. The Ruhr in the Aftermath of the Coal Age*.

It showed in an exemplary manner how radical, how vivid and how striking in its use of montage techniques a documentary can be when it uses the aesthetic form of the feature film.

There were shots of colliery managers marching past, their faces frozen by the camera to reveal the telltale scars of sword-fighting students' fraternities.

There were shots of workers on the march, of their shoes and their ties, "everything you don't otherwise get to see," the director put it.

To this day his film is an interesting example from the history of the political documentary in Germany.

It was resurrected in Duisburg and can be seen to have links leading to the present and the cinematic treatment of the crisis of modern working life.

Automation and computerisation and new technologies on the production sector are busy bringing about a complete change in the world we live and work in, and many films shown in Duisburg were made in response to this phenomenon.

Documentary film-makers are showing renewed interest in the working world. Heinrich Breloer's TV documentary *The Book Machine*, for instance, demonstrates the progressive industrialisation of the arts in book production.

The printer's arts practised since the days of Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, is fast being replaced by the microchip and the visual display unit.

Compositors have become data miners at computerised photosetting units. The book has become a mass-produced cheap product designed for immediate consumption.

A manager at Bertelsmann's, the publishing giant, demonstrates how people handle cheap reading matter in America. Once they have read a page of a book, he says, they simply tear it out and throw it away.

The companies that run the book machine feel obliged to keep the book as a product line competitive in the market, with the result that output steadily increases.

There is no subject in this kind of progress, argues writer Hans Magnus Enzensberger in an interview with director Heinrich Breloer. That is why it can be survived.

But a niche at the rear of progress, as recommended by Enzensberger, will always be a privilege reserved for the intellectuals.

Claire Doutriaux in her film *Getting the Hang of It*, an impressionistic portrait of a small Hamburg engineering works, shows that niches still exist in the production process.

At the factory she features engineers and designers still beavering away with workers at one-off devices or prototypes, including really original ideas.

Yet paradoxically enough, machinery is made by craftsmen in cooperation for the purpose of further rationalisation.

In dealing with the working world documentary film-makers are in many ca-

ses chronicling dying methods of production and labour.

Heinrich Breloer's outline of the changes the jobs of printers and compositors have undergone makes this point particularly clear.

Sorrow at the disappearance of sensual and specific forms of work is apparent in all the films shown.

The film-makers are also often at a loss what to make of the political and trade union disputes over the new technologies.

Cinema as a medium of writing everyday history and recording traces of history has always been a main feature of the Duisburg festival.

It was interesting to note that video groups, who put in a first appearance at Duisburg last year, are now into regional presentation and historical research.

A West Berlin video group put together a picture of everyday life in the Berlin borough of Schöneberg between the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich by means of biographical interviews.

Under German Soil is the title of a video documentary made by a Freiburg group who establish a link between wartime history and the "pre-war" present.

Professor Längsfeld of the Munich film and TV academy would like to make the annual competition between European film academies an intercontinental event.

He would very much like to see entries from overseas, especially as the competition (the organisers constantly emphasise that it is a festival) is popular with the viewing public.

This year 8,000 people attended, 3,000 more than last year. Last year 16 academic submitted entries; this year it was 24.

Film academy students and staff from all over Europe come to Munich, and not just for the festival but to compare notes with each other.

It is doubtful whether any further expansion would be advisable. Greater anonymity might hamper the participants' readiness to engage in debate.

Technical and financial conditions and selection procedures differ too widely from academy to academy to make inferences from work shown in Munich about the standard of young European film-makers. Tendencies at most can be identified.

Lukas, the intrepid failure of a young director in Reinhard Münster's *Dorado (One Way)*, is reminded by everything that goes on around him of films he has seen.

Many people at the Munich festival seem to share the view that whatever real life may get up to, the screen has already been there.

Anything that can possibly be resurrected is trundled out of the mothballs: from the musical to the gangster film to the period and costume piece.

Everything is quoted, parodied, copied that has ever made film history. Lack of self-confidence seems to be a more likely motive for this approach than any intention of dealing with famous predecessors in order to arrive at a style of one's own.

Take *Casus es Rottenbiller*, a film by Tamas Tolmar from Budapest. It care-

The film is set in a mountain tunnel near Überlingen on Lake Constance that was drilled by forced labour during the war and used at the end of 1944 to relocate ordnance factories.

In this selfsame tunnel a keen civil defence worker is now busy practising for an emergency with technocratic perfection.

Films about the peace movement from various viewpoints were the third keynote of the festival.

There were scenes of the blockade of the nuclear weapons depot at Grossengstingen and shots of the ritualised relationship between demonstrators and the police.

The entries on this subject included a TV documentary by Wilhelm Bitorf, a super-8 film by a Tübingen group and a videotape from Freiburg.

Given that the peace movement seems to be constantly in the news at the moment it is easy to forget that it too has a history.

In a deliberately polemical and provocative manner the Freiburg group attempts to outline this history in a film entitled *A Word Can be a Caricature: Peace*.

The mere title shows that both semantically and politically the word is not as clear-cut as it could be.

The videotape montage takes a historical look at this state of affairs and shows that far from peace-loving politicians have been known to use the word for wartime purposes.

Polish entries steal the Munich show

fully and effectively tells the tale of the break-up of a mediocre bar cabaret.

Yet Tolmar is unable to resist the temptation to resort to the costume, decor and lighting of the film noir.

The intensity of the story is sacrificed for the sake of the nostalgic churn of trenchcoats and overflowing ashtrays in poorly-lit bars.

Dorado (One Way), the film with which Reinhard Münster graduated from the Berlin film and TV academy, is an example of how close everyday life can come to the clichés of stereotyped films.

But it has no need of cheap sensational effects. The ironic but careful and detailed description of alternative narrow-mindedness in Berlin alone would be enough to make the film worth seeing.

Münster could also afford to dispense with the spectacular showdown toward which the plot inexorably heads and let it just be narrated and discussed. The tension would still be there.

Entries similar in subject matter but viewed by different schools were combined by the organisers to make up programmes entitled *Cabaret*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Modern Times* and the like.

The entries from Lodz arrived late and were shown en bloc as belated films. They turned out to be the stars of the show.

Students at the Lodz film academy deal not with the cinema but with Polish reality.

Many allusions fail to get across to people only superficially acquainted with conditions in Poland, and maybe only at second hand. But the films certainly get across to their public.

The entries were all in black and

white but outshone the rest in poignancy and conveyed a strong impression of what it feels like to live in Poland today.

One of the main aims of the competition is to take care not to let the documentary, which is felt to be assigned equal importance to fiction.

But this year very few entries were in the fiction category. Most were more potent individual people presented in a form manner.

Scenes are strung together by titles while the leading characters are taken from his or her life off-screen. The film-maker lies low, leaving the audience in doubt about his view and basically failing to justify his choice of this particular topic.

The most interesting documentary was *Chłopcy* by Maciej Dejugan from Katowice, the tale of a gang of young men who earn their living by changing money and relaxing with women in their spare time.

The most interesting took film was *Night Club*, by Jonathan Hodgson from the Royal College of Art, London.

In scenes with the spontaneity of sketches he expresses his astonishment at the absurd behaviour people get up to the moment they set foot in a disco.

Entries ranged from three-minute shorts to films that took almost an evening, so the jury this time made awards.

The best short film was *Jajko*, by Piotr Kędzierzowski from Lodz. The feature film was *Złoty*, by Andrzej Kozłowski from Lodz.

The jury felt the best overall programme of entries submitted this year was from the Brussels film academy. The prize was supplied by last year's winner, the Royal Academy of London.

It was a wax reproduction of Alfred Hitchcock's right hand from *Melodrama* by Tassaud's.

The style was different from present-day styles, partly because of the equip-



A scene from 'Auf den Dächern' (Getting the Hang of It), a film by Claire Doutriaux, shown at this year's film festival in Hamburg.

(Photo: Duisburger Film Festival)

Duisburg doesn't bother with prizes and awards. This year the festival was a forum for discussion on the aesthetic and technical conditions of documentary-making. André Kertész, Martin Munkasei, a seismograph of the cultural and social climate in Germany.

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PEOPLE

Reporter who pioneered photo journalism

REPORTER

In the 1920s, the free of German illustration and journalism changed. Photography became a means of telling a story and merely a means of illustrating

the printed world became a subsidiary of the picture. This was the birth of photo-journalism.

The vanguard of the pioneers who changed was Felix H. Man, who celebrated his 90th birthday.

Two forces were essential parts of the new journalism. One was the editors of the illustrated magazines of the time, Paul Feilchenfeldt and Kurt

Reinhold of *Berliner Illustrierte Zeitung*. The other was the small group of reporters who came to make photographic

discussions on the aesthetic and technical conditions of documentary-making. André Kertész, Martin Munkasei, Alfred Eisenstüd — and Felix H. Man.

They were professional photographers without a formal training. Most had gone to university and Solomon, Tim

and Paul Wolff and Hans Hilbig were at the time in the salons of the Weimar Republic and conversed in several languages.

They were neither strangers nor rivals in the top echelon. They were part of the same world.

They created family photographs of their own, marked by intimacy with the subjects. Their photographs were different from the customary photographs of state

and official events. The *Münchner Illustrierte Presse* (No. 300,000) carried Man's first full-page report *Frauenkongress* at women's congress.

Then came his master stroke: the photograph of a late August 1929 issue of *Berliner Illustrierte* showed German Foreign Minister Gustav Stresemann, almost, cosily chatting with the

man who got on the cover of *Berliner Illustrierte* (weekly circ. 1.6m) had been then until 1933 his work was

in almost every issue of these major magazines. Like most photo

reporters who had made a reputation, he left Germany when Hitler came to power.

He was born Hans Felix Sigismund in Freiburg (Breisgau) on 30 November 1893.

He graduated from high school in Freiburg and studied art and art history in Berlin.

After World War I, in which he served as an officer, he continued his studies in Berlin and later as an illustrator for *BZ* was from the Brussels film academy.

The prize was supplied by last year's winner, the Royal Academy of London.

It was a wax reproduction of Alfred Hitchcock's right hand from *Melodrama* by Tassaud's.

(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 17 November 1983)



Blackpool, England, 1948. From Man's *Photographien aus 70 Jahren*.

The story to be told was always more important than the personal attitude of the photographer. As a result, the photographers of the late 1920s never developed a "personal style." Every subject was depicted in the form that suited it best.

Apart from Salomon, who specialised in photographing famous contemporaries and important conferences, every reporter was equally at home with any subject.

Man's work, for instance, covered such everyday stories as the cross-section of a Berlin apartment house or the plight of the Silesian weavers along with photographs of VIPs.

He did society reports as nobly as his famous 1931 series on Mussolini. He later concentrated primarily on artists.

Film authority Lotte Eisner dies at 87



Lotte Eisner... guru of a generation of directors. (Photo: Süddeutsche Verlag)

most famous film archives, where many of today's greats learned their craft, and for many years a friend of Eisner.

They met in 1933, when Eisner fled to Paris.

Eisner graduated as an archaeologist. Her career as a Berlin film critic was brief and extremely effective.

The Nazi daily *Volksischer Beobachter* commented on her review of *Gilda* (P. G. Gas): "When the heads roll, this head will be the first to roll." She took the night train to Paris.

For her, the *Cinémathèque* began when she helped Langlois sort out the scripts and programmes in his suitcases and started viewing the films that were piling up in the bathtub.

The days of German occupation were dramatic. Langlois took the copies of films he wanted saved from the Nazis to her hideout.

Lotte Eisner was lucky to escape detection. She saved the film *Kuhle Wampe*, and with Langlois' help, also saved director Slatan Dudow, whom the French had interned as a communist.

After 1945, she continued to work as an archivist of the *Cinémathèque*, eventually becoming the high priestess of the art of film.

Her books were essentially an attempt to familiarise France's young directors with the classical German cinema.

Her works bear the stamp of sensitivity, sound research training and sweeping comparative studies.

It was she who drew attention to the significance for period films of the Austrian stage director Max Reinhardt.

And was she who time and again stressed the importance of technique in film making, especially in such expressionist works as Robert Wiene's *Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*.

What made this so interesting was that Wiene later had great trouble talking the set designers into agreeing to his ideas on style.

Lotte Eisner now lives only in memories and in her books.

And her attitude that stopped her condemning a film out of hand ("No film can be so bad that there's nothing good that can be said about it") is also gone.

(Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger, 29. November 1983)

Brigitte Deslaur

Since April 1982 clouds of sulphuric acid swirling around in the stratosphere have reached a concentration not observed for decades.

They hail from the eruption of El Chichon, a Mexican volcano.

Meteorologists, volcanologists and climatologists all over the world have followed their progress with keen interest.

They are a textbook example of the effect on the climate of sulphurous volcanic activity and can possibly be used in weather forecasting.

For some years many climatologists have been forecasting a continual increase in the carbon dioxide count in the atmosphere.

Caused by the combustion of fossil fuels (coal and oil), it reduces the radiation of heat from the earth.

Views differ on the extent to which this carbon dioxide is absorbed by the oceans, but the increase currently recorded should be enough to boost the earth's surface temperature by about 0.05 degrees centigrade a year.

This effect may, however, be more than offset by a reduction in surface temperature caused by volcanic eruptions.

They emit sulphuric compounds into the atmosphere which oxidise as sulphuric acid and orbit the earth as aerosol clouds of sulphuric acid droplets.

This aerosol reflects solar radiation and thus reduces the temperature on the earth's surface.

It is an effect that in principle has been known to exist for ages, but no-one knew for sure what its magnitude was or what individual factors influenced the effect of a volcanic eruption on the climate.

So climatologists and volcanologists were delighted when on 28 March 1982 a long inactive volcano in Mexico, El Chichon, suddenly erupted.

It sent substantial quantities of sulphur compounds soaring into the stratosphere to altitudes of nearly 30 km, or 20 miles.

The eruption was observed by satellite on the same day, while the progress of the eruption cloud was followed worldwide from the start.

Naso, the US space agency, sent U-2 reconnaissance aircraft up 17 times to collect samples of the atmosphere. In many countries samples were taken by balloon.

This was the method used by the Max Planck Nuclear Physics Institute, Heidelberg, for instance.

In the United States, Japan, Brazil and many European countries the progress of the aerosol clouds was followed by laser-radar reflection readings.

The sulphuric acid clouds were responsible for magnificent pink and purple sunrises and sunsets and glowing pink night clouds.

The eruption gases from El Chichon consisted mainly of hydrogen sulphide, together with sulphur dioxide, chlorine and fluorine.

The hydrogen sulphide quickly oxidised to sulphur dioxide and then to sulphuric acid with a half-life of about three days.

Sulphuric acid is hygroscopic. In other words, it attracts water. Clouds of sulphuric acid droplets with a water content of about 25 per cent formed the aerosol that is still orbiting the earth after repeated eruptions by the volcano.

The clouds of sulphuric acid have largely spread round the northern hemisphere, where their density appears to be several times greater than over the southern hemisphere.

Particularly clear observations on the effects of the eruption have been made

RESEARCH

Volcanic eruptions key to keeping earth cool

by the Institute of Atmospheric Environmental Research in Garmisch, Bavaria.

The institute's director, Professor R. Reiter, and his staff have noted that the mass of the particles suspended in the stratosphere has increased at least tenfold, according to laser-radar readings taken between March 1982 and February 1983.

But the density of these aerosol clouds seem to have passed its peak since last spring.

Research financed by the Scientific Research Association (DFG) shows that the aerosol output of the El Chichon volcanic eruption exceeded all eruptions since El Agung in 1963.

It released into the atmosphere an estimated six million tons of sulphuric acid, according to the National Laboratory in Los Alamos, USA.

That is an amazing amount, given that the overall eruption mass was a mere 0.3 cubic kilometres and the eruption was a fairly minor spate of volcanic activity.

One explanation of the extremely high output of sulphuric acid could be that the volcano melted down sediment formations containing sulphates during the rise of its magma.

This sulphate will then have been exuded in the form of gas.

We know that there are salt formula-

tions on top of El Chichon's magma chamber (and they usually include sulphate salts) and that salt crystals were found among the volcanic ash suspended in the atmosphere.

The experts have yet to agree on what effect El Chichon will have on the climate, but observations by an American satellite, the NOAA-7, suggest it may be considerable.

One of the measurements the satellite takes is the temperature of water on the ocean's surface, and in areas where aerosol clouds from the volcano were overhead the temperature read was regularly several degrees too low.

It was too low in comparison with readings taken by meteorological research and survey vessels and recording buoys. In other words, the aerosol intervened to prevent surface heat from getting through to the satellite.

Model estimates have been made at the Goddard Laboratory for Atmospheric Sciences, taking into account not only the density of the sulphuric acid aerosol but also the size of droplets and their altitude (which lightens the effect).

Scientists there have concluded that mean annual temperature in the northern hemisphere will fall by between 0.3 and 0.5 degrees a year for several years as a result.

Unlocking the secrets of the atmosphere

Measurements taken by rockets in the middle atmosphere supplying extra information.

Four groups of German scientists are associated with the scheme, including two from Max Planck Institute. It has been dubbed Wine, short for Winter in Northern Europe.

It forms part of MAP, the international Middle Atmosphere Programme. Most of the cost is borne by Norway and the Federal Republic of Germany.

In Germany the main sources of funds are the Scientific Research Association (DFG) and the Bonn Ministry of Research and Technology.

The equipment to be used includes newly designed radar systems such as a mobile Soudy installation provided by the Max Planck Aeronomy Institute in Lindau in the Harz.

Other devices are, for instance, a lidar (a kind of optical radar on a laser basis) supplied by Bonn University physics department. It reads temperatures directly at high altitudes.

The linchpin of the lidar is a laser on a wavelength exactly attuned to the yellow spectral line of sodium. Its vertical beam triggers a response from sodium atoms at heights of between 80 and 100 km.

Depending on their temperature these atoms move at characteristic speeds and reflect a slightly different wavelength on account of the doppler effect.

Measurement of the bandwidth of sodium reflection is thus a precise reflection of the gas's temperature at this altitude.

The decline will bottom out in three years after the eruption, which would mean next year or so after.

But the repercussions need to be means invariably take the form of a temperature. They could well be direct, for instance, changes in atmospheric circulation.

The conceivable consequences of an increase in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will certainly be more dramatic for several years by this single eruption.

A volcano that erupted on the 1963 sent up similar amounts of sulphuric acid. Subsequent eruptions of Helens in the US west coast and in Kamchatka have sent up less.

The true potential effect on the climate of volcanic activity has been demonstrated by French volcanologists in a reconstruction of the sulphuric output of what may have been the greatest historic eruption, Tambora on island of Sumbava.

It is said to have spewed more than 200 million tons of sulphuric acid to a height of up to 40 km (25 miles) into the stratosphere.

That would seem to imply that the temperature was reduced 30 times more powerfully than by El Chichon, which is naturally improbable.

But the effect on the climate have been enormous, although it has not been worked out.

The climatic effect of volcanic activity should certainly not be underestimated. Volcanoes rival factory chimneys in their carbon dioxide output and are a home in mind when making ecological forecasts.

Harald Sten
(Hannoversche Allgemeine, 25 November)

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Heiner M. Lachmann
(Rheinischer Merkur/Christ und Welt, 18 November 1983)

MODERN LIVING

Huge rally to help people to help themselves

STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG

homosexuals, drug addicts, alcoholics, cripples and people with diseases were among the group.

It was to build up moral support for a new initiative for the unemployed — living and learning in self-help groups.

The attendance was enormous, and at the end of the lecture hall would have been a good 1000 people.

The evening was run by groups affiliated to the Hamburg University Hospital.

Homosexuality and cancer victims were among the group. Rehabilitated alcoholics and addicts offered help to those in need.

Paraplegic and a spastic drew attention to their newspaper produced by the group for cripples and banded out information about diseases such as multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, diabetes and leukaemia.

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Communicating with the world of deafness and blindness.

(Photo: Gerhard Heldron)

They also give the chance for victims to vent their feelings of impotence in the face of doctors and the medical establishment.

It's not just talk, though. Excursions and swimming parties are organised. So are courses in arts and crafts.

There is a constant coming and going as people who have just learned about their illness or have just had surgery seek the company of other sufferers.

Other groups deal primarily with people with psychological or emotional problems who find it difficult to talk about their troubles.

Other groups help the next-of-kin, mostly mothers of young victims.

More and more children with serious illness can be kept alive today. And more and more young people are taking drugs.

Epilepsy and cancer can also hit the very young.

Patients organised themselves, formed groups and counselling centres for newcomers, took part in various courses and established meeting places.

With the self-help groups here to stay, doctors are becoming less patronising. Established structures are becoming brittle as patients refuse to unconditionally accept what doctors say.

The mother of a child whose illness took a long time to be diagnosed thought the doctor handled her patronisingly.

Doctors wrong

Now she has joined a group of other mothers in similar circumstances, and dealing with doctors.

Professor Michael Lukas Moeller of the Frankfurt University Clinic, one of the pioneers of self-help groups, told the meeting that a congress of this size would have been unthinkable only ten years ago.

Doctors then would have spoken of a "mob of patients gone berserk."

Psychiatrists feared that they would be flooded by patients turned into psychological wrecks by self-help groups.

None of this has happened. The groups are not fuelling hostility against doctors, but they are also not prepared to accept everything without criticism.

The Munich Adult Education Centre now offers a course initiated by a self-help group: "The Adult Patient — Sick but not at the Doctor's Mercy."

The course teaches how to formulate and defend one's rights in dealing with doctors.

Self-help groups are still relatively new. That's why they have teething troubles and a large fluctuating membership.

About one in five groups discontinues shortly after being established. But considering their loose structure, no harm is done.

Only the well-established larger groups have a firm membership and work with social welfare organisations.

Most of the rest are little more than private groups without money, without a firm meeting place, without address and telephone and without public sector support.

Members have to pay the DM20 or so to rent a classroom for meetings. They pay their own postage and other costs.

Some cities have contact and information centres that refer people seeking help to a suitable group.

Some of these contact centres and smaller groups even get a small allowance from local authorities.

The Hamburg meeting dealt primarily with the city's own self-help groups.

Hamburg has for some years had a contact centre that has now for the first time been promised a DM200,000 subsidy to be paid by the city's health authority.

The representative of the health department announced this at the congress but he was booed because his head of department, Deputy Mayor Helga Elstner, did not deliver the welcoming address as promised.

He told the meeting that there were 616 self-help groups in Hamburg, 235 for alcoholics, which helped between 12,000 and 16,000 people. Most members had medical problems.

When he praised what he called the selfless and honorary work, one woman who is in charge of a cancer after-care group for women heeded: "I'm not an office holder and I can do without the 'honour'. I'm a patient myself and my work in the group is meant to benefit me too."

Two delegates from Hamburg's Grey Panthers, a nationwide group representing old people, also attended.

But most of the delegates were young and middle-aged people.

The state, the municipalities and the medical profession as a whole should support their work.

Grete Scheel

(Stuttgarter Zeitung, 24 November 1983)

■ SOCIETY

Guess who came to the Yaniks for dinner

The fact that two families have dinner together should not be worth reporting about. Yet in Germany it is when one family is Turkish and the other German.

For the fact is that these are troubled times for Turks in Germany. Contact with Germans socially is minimal. Turks are abused on the street and many are sent threatening letters from right-wing groups.

This story is about a dinner at the home of a 42-year-old Turk, Hasan Yanik, and his wife, Merzoka, 35.

It took place against this background of hostility and an increasingly restrictive policy towards foreigners by many municipalities.

Germany's two major churches, the Catholic and the Protestant, have launched a campaign to help foreigners.

Bavaria's Labour and Social Affairs Minister was moved to comment on the campaign: "Fear, and mistrust towards neighbours are a poor foundation for a peaceful life together."

The International Forum of Foreign Employees Associations, Frankfurt, said: "Personal encounters between Germans and foreigners are the most important element in the fight against the emergence of a new nationalism."

The idea of living room get-togethers between Turks and Germans has been picked up by the Turkish press in Germany and Turkish language radio. They are calling on Turks to invite Germans to their homes.

But that is easier said than done. The 1.5 million Turks in Germany are the largest group of foreign workers. But they also have least contact with Germans.

As a rule, Germans and foreigners get along well at work. But the integration stops when the five o'clock whistle blows.

Hasan Yanik read the appeal in the Turkish press and was anxious to invite a German to his home. But he didn't know quite how to go about it. How was he to act?

He remembered an incident that had happened to him once at the Munich beer festival. A German, cheered by the crowd, poured a stein of beer over his head when he learned he was a Turk. Yanik was with his wife and his two children, aged 15 and 12.

Another thing that came to his mind was the tabloid *Bild Zeitung* quoting Friedrich Zimmermann — who was not yet Bonn Interior Minister — as having said in the spring of 1982: "The Turks are an irritant among our people."

Eleven years ago, when Hasan Yanik, a trained dental mechanic, decided to go to Germany because he could not find work in Turkey, he believed that he would be welcome.

He left his family behind and found himself a job at a Munich serapard. He lived in a basement room for three years before finding work as a dental mechanic. Then his family joined him.

Hasan Yanik says the atmosphere at work is pleasant. He is quite happy in his new environment.

He and his wife have been on several outings with his German colleagues, including picnics and weekend excursions.

There is the occasional snide remark about foreigners at work. But the whole

thing usually ends in a bit of good-natured ribbing, says a dental mechanic colleague, Karen Wohlfahrt.

She and her unemployed husband took the initiative and, some time ago, invited the Yaniks to their home.

They went berry-picking then went to the Wohlfahrts for coffee and cake.

It was a bit awkward at first. Yanik's wife was worried about being unable to make herself understood because her German was not as good as that of her husband and her two children.

The Wohlfahrts were worried about how to keep the conversation alive.

The ice was soon broken. The women exchanged recipes and the Yaniks told their hosts about Turkey.

By now, the two families are close enough for the Wohlfahrts to have gone to the Yaniks to celebrate the latter's wedding anniversary.

There were 15 people at the party and there was much dancing and singing. Karen Wohlfahrt even learned a bit of belly dancing.

"It was a lovely party. The Turks are much better at celebrating than we are," says Karen.

Hasan and Merzoka Yanik took care to avoid anything that could cause problems. While the Wohlfahrts' 10-year-old son, Thorsten, and Yanik's son, Hakan, played in the adjoining room, the host made a point of telling the Wohlfahrts that the beer festival incident had been consigned in the past and that his overall experience with Germans was not so bad.

The host plied his guests with beer and a good bottle of wine and the conversation revolved around the weather, soccer and bringing up children.

But the idyllic peace that seemingly enables even a Turkish family in 1983



Cooking up something special: the Wohlfahrt family (left) at the Yaniks.

Germany to lead a normal life provided it observes the rules is deceptive.

At this lavish dinner with all its Turkish delicacies, Yanik told his German guests about the humiliations a Turk has to put up with at the aliens office before getting the coveted rubber stamp.

Yanik was recently given a permanent residence permit. Despite this, he is still nervous when he reads about Bonn's latest plans to tighten up on laws relating to foreigners.

Yanik and his Turkish friends are also afraid of going out at night because of abuse.

He has long stopped using public transport to go to town. He feels safer driving. But this is the reason why the Yaniks don't have evenings out.

"The best thing you can do is to keep your mouth shut so that they don't know you're a foreigner."

A Turkish friend of the Yaniks who dropped in later in the evening said: "Our watchword now is 'keep your (rip) shut and mind your own business.'"

He has been living in Munich for 20 years and has a business of his own. He has quite a few Germans among his customers. He asked that his name not be

used in case of publication damage to his business.

"You Germans keep talking about integration," says Yanik as he looks at the three-room flat which he owns.

He did not buy the place because he was heavily or had saved a lot of money.

"It's almost impossible for a foreigner to rent a place. I had little choice but to buy."

Many Turks are doing the same even at home. He has not been able to buy a house. One day, a man from housing authority arrived and measured the rooms.

The Aliens Act says that every foreigner must have a living area of at least 12 square metres. Each child must have eight square metres.

Yanik was lucky. His flat was 14 square metres.

"I didn't know about this," says Yanik. "To me it seemed like a normal house."

Yanik's friend wanted to know: do the Germans call us garbage can? Why should we have to live in a garbage can?

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Turkish schoolgirl develops a big taste for politics



Emine Firat... outgoing manner

Her path was through student politics from classroom representative, school spokesman and eventually on to the board where she sits with representatives of teachers and parents.

Emine came to Germany five years ago with her parents and five brothers and sisters.

It is difficult to make claims about firsts, but certainly Turkish diplomatic representatives know of no similar case.

Her main assets are an ability to understand teachers, a sound knowledge of German, and a frank and open manner. She is able better to cope with prejudice than many others.

Her ability to get her way became obvious as early as elementary school. Immediately after starting school in Germany, she was promoted to the 3rd grade.

She relates: "They kept calling me 'garlick eater,' and I kept answering 'thanks, same to you.' I gave it no further thought. Today, these people are among my best friends."

She Turks should not withdraw into themselves.

Her father, a shipyard worker, is enthusiastic about his daughter's progress. So are her fellow students and teachers.

Emine's career in school politics began when she was elected class representative. Her first laurels were earned when she was elected student council member.

She won her election as student spokesman against three German boys.

German students came to congratulate her, but Turkish friends were dumbfounded to see her elected.

The climax came when the City School Board elected Emine to its Board.

She has just attended her first meeting. And when she understood the handshake to honour Lower School municipal code she also made her TV appearance on Germany's youth networks.

The fact that she is the only Turkish girl on the School Board doesn't bother her because she knows that she has the rights as teacher and parent representative. Nor does she expect to be any prejudice because of her name.

Asked what she thought about being in the School Board, she said: "I don't know what I do know that I enjoy fighting for my rights."

(Frankfurter Neue Presse, 12 November 1983)

■ OUR WORLD

No job for Frankenstein, but Spider Murphy has a chance

deprivation much more than their image of choice city and big money might lead one to believe.

Really top models are few and far between, and once they are older than 25 they are over the hill and only of limited use.

His female clients disagree. The top fashion shows, stages by famous choreographers, are only a minute fraction of the jobs going in a profession that is constantly expanding.

Many clothing manufacturers and fashion shows no longer insist on overwhelming good looks. What they need are versatile men and women who can handle the microphone, chat about fashion trends, materials and colours, and make sales talk.

That is why the Munich department has started special courses in which clients are trained as fashion sale consultants.

The Federal Labour Office hankrolls the courses, which are held in Munich and take 60 hours spread over a period of six weeks.

Mannequins and dressmen who can prove they have worked successfully at their job for three years are entitled to attend courses on application.

Graduates of the first course (some of them, at least) were in a position to tailor their own clothes or skirts at the end of their training.

Most mannequins and dressmen, Düst says, work only part-time in the night hours. For most of the year they do more handiwork and less glamorous jobs.

A very select and small band of "extravagant types" work full-time. They get

from one end of the world to the other working for couturiers whose names we are all familiar with.

A number of attractive girls from the backwood of Bavaria, he says, regularly try their luck in Paris for a few weeks.

After three months or so they return home claiming to be top-flight models straight from Paris. Someone or other will believe them, at least to begin with.

The Munich artists' service promises prospective employers first-rate men and women in a wide range of jobs. It can't afford to oversell people who don't have what it takes.

It has to compete with commercial operators and agents, says Arnulf Jaisle, who is a former ballet dancer.

He has a file of nearly 10,000 German and international artists and says he can offer the services of any singer, MC, disc jockey, dancer, comedian or artist who wants to perform in Germany.

It is often merely a matter of the date, he says. He too stresses quality and means performing live. People are sick of tired of playback specialists who just mime to the music.

He says there has been a real renaissance of all kinds of classical variety, including dancing with a gigantic snake wrapped round one's neck and dancing virtually in the nude.

Many a men's club hires a striptease girl for entertainment, while traditional Bavarian fare (whatever that may mean) is still very popular, and not just at works parties.

The artists' service tries to arrange jobs by the month for bands, singers and other entertainers. But striptease is a one-off job.

Rolf Lienknecht

(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 17 November 1983)

The boring lot of the humble aircraft waitress

Instance, all members of the works council are women.

Cabin staff on board airliners in Germany are still almost entirely women, and like their male counterparts they can now fly until they are 60.

There used to be a much lower age at which air hostesses were grounded, and it took over a decade to gain equal rights for the fair sex.

First they were allowed to stay airborne until 40 (instead of 30). Now all European and American airlines allow women cabin crew members to carry on working until they are between 50 and 60.

"Won't the cup slip between your gout-ridden fingers by then?" a pilot unkindly commented when an air hostess told him they had won their case.

She told him to worry about whether he would still be fit to pilot an aircraft at that age. That silenced him.

Cabin staff still don't amount to much in terms of professional recognition. If they sign on as unemployed they are registered as waiters or waitresses, and their training is not recognised as career training of any kind.

Yet every airline trains its cabin staff in courses of its own. They last only six weeks, but no airline has any intention

of allowing anyone to interfere with the way they train them.

They don't want the unions to muscle in on the operation, for instance. The unions demand better training, career recognition and courses certified by the chamber of commerce.

"Air hostesses take an entirely different view of their job these days," one works councillor says. "I don't think any of us now look on the job as something that will end with marriage by 30 at the latest."

On short-haul services many hostesses are wives and mothers, and even students. Gone are the days, if they ever existed, when they were nice girls, if not too bright, and just waiting for Mr Right to come along.

"Women's lib has done us a power of good," the works councillor says. "We have gained reasonable working conditions and good pay only over the past 10 years."

But it's still men in the cockpit and women in the galley, or almost. British Airways Deutschland now employs stewards too, but only took them on when women qualified for up to eight months pregnancy leave.

One air hostess interviewed says she used to be ashamed to own up to her job because of all the old clichés. But not anymore.

When a passenger asks her where her smile is today, she calmly answers: "It's not always included in the fare, you know."

Cornelia Branninghofen

(Hannoversche Allgemeine, 19 November 1983)

Air hostesses are reputed to lead a life of excitement and glamour, flying from one end of the world to the other, to far-off, exotic places and back.

Their everyday life is in reality neither exotic nor particularly exciting, and us for the tall, dark, handsome passenger who sweeps them off their feet, it is usually the men who have day-dreams along these lines.

Some years ago a US airline ran adverts clearly implying that its air hostesses were readily available, as it were.

The women took the airline to court and won. The advert had to be withdrawn. Airlines no longer advertise for cabin staff specifying height and weight either.

"We aren't cattle sent to market," the women complained. They insisted, and gained their point, that the only specification should be a pleasant personality.

Like any job in transport, work as an air hostess is routine. This is what an air hostess who works on short-haul services between Berlin and cities in the Federal Republic of Germany has to say:

"My work is strictly according to roster. Five days on, three days off. Seldom do I have night stops where we stop over in a hotel."

On long-distance routes it is another matter. You can then be up in 14 days on route. Private life naturally suffers from that kind of roster.

Most air hostesses in Germany are union members. Their union is ÖTV, the public service and transport workers' union.

At British Airways Deutschland for

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